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Soldier in Afghanistan pops question by post

By **NAFEESA SHAN**

Soldiers from East Lancashire returned home to hugs, kisses and tears of celebration following a gruelling sixth-month tour in Afghanistan which left three of their comrades dead.

On Sunday, more than 100 front line troops from the First Battalion Duke of Lancaster's Regiment were met by loved ones at Catterick Barracks.

And having dodged bullets, improvised explosive devices, and missiles from the Taliban, members of the Regiment, known as 1LANCS, were just pleased to be home safe.

Wearing T-shirts saying 'My Hero', and waving welcome home banners, the families watched with pride as the soldiers paraded, before being reunited.

Rachel Dickinson, 37, from the Pleckgate area of Blackburn, was at the barracks to welcome home her fiance Kingsman Liam Hamilton, who proposed to her when he was in Afghanistan.

Rachel said: "He proposed to me about May time. It took six weeks for the post to arrive with the poem he had written to propose to me with. I then had to wait for him to ring, which took a few days, before I could say 'yes'.

"I will always remember the last line of the poem. It says 'being in Afghanistan has changed my life. Please do me the honour of being my wife'.

"It's been pretty awful. I was so emotional when he came back. I just ran up to him as soon as I saw him. I am just relieved to have him back and very proud of him."

PROUD AND RELIEVED: Rachel Dickinson, her fiance Kingsman Liam Hamilton, and daughter, Mia. Right, returning troops parade at Catterick Barracks

Kingsman Hamilton, 30, who has a five-year-old daughter, Mia, with Rachel, said: "It is absolutely superb to be back.

"I was going to propose before I left, but I decided to do it in another way so she would always remember.

"It took me four days to write those five verses."

He added: "When we were out on the ground it wasn't too bad because you don't think about your friends and family.

"But you think about them all the time when you are having your downtime."

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Phil's 'Druidry a religion' victory

Phil Ryder, from Darwen, has succeeded in a four-year campaign to have Druidry recognised as a religion by the Charity Commission.

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Coun Damian Talbot, executive member for leisure and culture, said he was pleased to see the centre re-open, but warned that people needed to use it to secure its long-term future.

Meet police

Beardwood with Lammack residents are invited to a Police and Communities Together meeting tonight (Wednesday) in Lammack Methodist Church, Lammack Road, Blackburn, at 6.30pm.

Focus on wildlife

A wildlife photography training day is being held this Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, around Peel Park and The Coppice, Accrington. The session will be led by professional photographer Chris Barber. Places are limited. To book, contact Gemma at Prospects on 01254 380176.

Druid Phil wins 'religion' battle

By **CHRIS HOPPER**

A man from Darwen has succeeded in a bid to have Druidry recognised as a religion.

Phil Ryder, of Richmond Terrace, led the campaign as chairman of the trustees of the Druid Network, a nationwide fraternity of followers of the Pagan practice.

Druids made the move after being told they could no longer accept donations without being registered with the Charity Commission.

Now, after a four-year fight, the commission has recognised Druidry as a religion, meaning the practice also qualifies for tax breaks.

Mr Ryder, 54, a former St Thomas Aquinas RC High School pupil, said: "It took us more than four years, but we finally got the Charity Commission to accept that we exist to advance religion.

"We have got about 350 members, but it has been estimated that there at least 10,000 Druids in the UK, so we are not insignificant.

"There tend to be more Druids down south than in the north, because that is historically where they have been concentrated. But there are still quite a few in Lancashire."

Druids worship spirits they believe inhabit the earth and forces of nature, such as lightning and thunder. Awareness of the environment is believed to have led to a rise in the number of people becoming Druids.

Popular spots for Druid worship in Lancashire include Sunnyhurst Woods, in Darwen, and Pendle Hill, according to Mr Ryder.

He said: "I became a Druid almost without knowing it when I started taking an interest in nature-based religion.

"Then about 10 years ago I started getting more involved with other Druids.

"As a religion, it is very misunderstood. We do not dress up in white robes, or anything like that."

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LED CAMPAIGN: Above, Phil Ryder, chairman of the trustees of the Druid Network. Left, a Druid ceremony at Stonehenge.

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Above, students from Germany and St Wilfrid's enjoy themselves at a big get-together. Right, displaying the national flags, are Adam Patel, 13, and Manuel Schriefer, 15.

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Ensure vote

People have until October 15 to register on the electoral role in order to vote in next year's elections. Graham Burgess, returning officer for Blackburn with Darwen Council, said: "Some people may not realise that they have to register every year."

Open night

Accrington and Rossendale College is holding an open night tomorrow (Thursday), from 6pm to 8pm. A number of departments will be holding workshops and demonstrations for prospective students.

Youth Zone seeks leader

By **DAVID WATKINSON**

Bosses behind plans for a 'life-changing' new youth project in Blackburn have launched a hunt for a chief executive to lead the scheme.

Work started last week on the site of the £8million Blackburn Youth Zone, in Jubilee Street.

When it opens in a year, the facility will offer a range of top-quality activities and practical social service-type support to youngsters, in an iconic building.

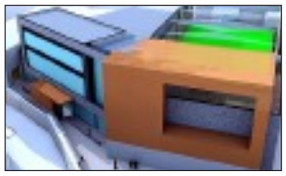
Jerry Glover, the boss of OnSide, the firm behind the project, said a 'special person' was needed for the key role.

Mr Glover, who held the same job at the world-famous Bolton Lads and Girls Club for 30 years, said: "The Youth Zone will transform the lives of the kids that come through the doors and we need someone to come in and make it all happen.

"It is the best job in the world because of the impact it will have on so many kids and the town as a whole."

The three-storey building will have three sports halls with a climbing wall, gym, boxing ring, IT facilities, dance and performing arts spaces and a sound studio.

Open seven nights a week and during school holidays, the Youth Zone will provide a safe meeting place for young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.



VISION: An artist's impression of how the Blackburn Youth Zone will look

Mr Glover said the candidate must be a skilled businessman, as well as a talented youth worker.

He said: "The chief executive must be a motivator and a leader. Very quickly they will have to put together a team of 200 staff and volunteers to do a fantastic job with the kids."

It is hoped to put the successful candidate in place by January, ahead of the opening next October. The closing date for applications is October 22.

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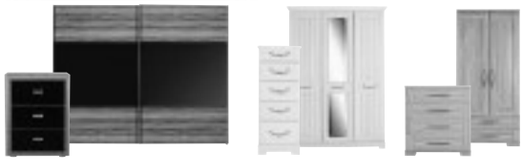

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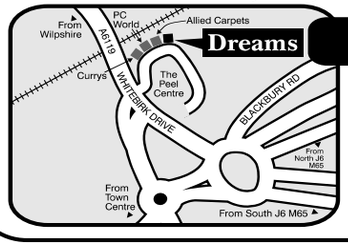

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SUPPORTING RESEARCH: Naomi and her Ladies Circle colleagues brave the promenade in their bras and tutus

Bra-vado on Big One for charity

By **CATHERINE PYE**

Two sisters sported plunging necklines to plunge 235ft in their bras to raise money for charity.

Naomi Hickey and Nicola Walkden-O'Grady, from Darwen Ladies Circle, had to make sure their modesty was kept in tact as they boarded the front of the Pepsi Max Big One, at Blackpool Pleasure Beach, in their decorated underwear and pink tutus.

They led dozens of other women from Ladies Circles across the UK to raise awareness and funds for The Genesis Appeal – a breast cancer prevention charity.

Civil servant Naomi, 34, is Ladies Circle national president and chose the charity for the year. She said: "My family has a history of breast cancer that hit them at a young age, including my mum who, thankfully, is a survivor.

"Thanks to Genesis, research is being carried out to find the gene that affects my family, and plans are in place for me and my sisters to have regular mammograms from the age of 33 to help early detection. This is just one of the areas Genesis researches.

"It took a bit of courage to do this wearing just our bras, but we're up for most things.

"We got a lot of attention on the seafront, with cars tooting us, but it drew attention to a great cause."

The event was the first time Blackpool Pleasure Beach has played host to a group of women in their bras riding a rollercoaster.

"The Pleasure Beach have been right behind us from the off, and we can't thank them enough for all their support," said Nicola, 42, a retail assistant at John Lewis, who is from the Sudell area of Darwen.

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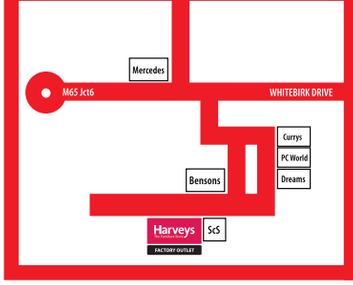

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TRAINING: TV contestant Harry Meadowcroft visits the gym every night

Grandad in Wipeout challenge

By CATHERINE PYE

A bodybuilder from Darwen will become the oldest person to take on TV's toughest assault course.

Grandfather Harry Meadowcroft, 59, will fly out in November to the Argentine capital Buenos Aires, where filming takes place, with the hope of winning £10,000 by mastering the BBC hit Total Wipeout.

"I think you've got to be a bit of a fool," said the fork-lift truck driver, of Duckworth Street. "I've always been known as a bit of a joker, and it was my friends who suggested I should get an application form as a laugh."

Harry was called to an audition in Manchester, where would-be contestants were asked to pretend to be animals and shout to the crowd. Out of 500 at the event, he was chosen as one of 20 to appear on the next series.

He said: "They told me I'd been picked because they'd never had anyone as old as me before. I want to show that older people can do it. I go to the gym every single night and I've competed before in bodybuilding competitions. The only thing I'm worried about is the pendulum at the end, which swings and you have to jump over it.

TESTING: One of the obstacles

"The lads at my gym are going to rig something similar up for me so I can practise getting my legs high off the ground."

The show is filmed at a purpose-built course and features a series of challenges based around huge pools of mud and water.

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In January, 38-year-old Jeremy Kemp, of Clayton-le-Moors, became East Lancashire's first winner of the competition. But he was left heartbroken after being invited back to take part in a champion of champions final, only to miss out because of a broken leg, suffered in a football game.

PRESENTER: Richard Hammond

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Charities share £10k

Former Hyndburn Mayor, Coun Paul Barton, and his wife Sarah, have donated almost £10,000 from their fund-raising efforts to charities and organisations across the borough.

The couple presented cheques from the Mayor's Charity Fund at an event at the Poplar Social Club, Wellington Street, Accrington. Among the biggest donations were £1,977 for the Paul Hunter Foundation, £1,166 for Accrington Girl Guides, and £1,000 for Hyndburn Scouts.

EX-MAYOR: Coun Barton

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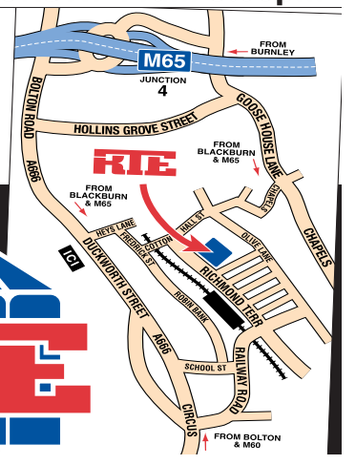

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Mayor on road to recovery

Blackburn with Darwen Mayor, Coun Sheila Williams, is 'recovering well' from illness, according to her deputy. Karimeh Foster told councillors Mrs Williams hoped to be able to resume her duties in the foreseeable future.

Golf open day

Accrington Golf Club is holding an open day on Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. There will be a chance to play a few holes, as well as receive some free professional tuition.

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Bins cost more

Residents in Blackburn and Darwen are reminded that replacement wheelie bins cost £29, or £15 for those on benefits, from this week.

Market songs

The Hyndburn Singers will be performing in Accrington Market Hall on Saturday, from 1pm to 3pm.

Fears over funding cuts

By EMMA CRUCES

Thousands of pounds for Hyndburn's most deprived areas could be lost in cuts which are anticipated next spring, it has emerged.

Funding for Neighbourhood Management Boards, which make localised decisions for Clayton-le-Moors, West Accrington and Peel and Barnfield, is now under threat.

Traditionally they have also received national cash to spend on improvements to deprived wards.

However Hyndburn Council is now preparing for a worst-case scenario where funding will cease in March.

It may also have a knock-on effect for Hyndburn Council-funded Area Management Councils in Great Harwood, Baxenden, Rishton, Oswaldtwistle and Huncoat.

Leader of the council Peter Britcliffe said the funding cuts were not a certainty and pledged the borough would find other ways of maintaining the same service for all areas should the axe fall.

PLEDGE: Council leader Peter Britcliffe

Opposition leader Miles Parkinson said it was vital that the 'extra layer of democracy' is not lost.

But he agreed that the difficult decisions need to be made in how it continues.

Coun Britcliffe said: "Right now we are just anticipating problems and preparing for what we will do should it happen.

"Clearly it isn't fair if some parts of the borough receive this service and others don't.

"It is important we find ways to keep this very important service going.

"There are other funding sources that can be applied to and ways of saving money."

Coun Parkinson said: "It is a service which gives residents more say in what happens and every effort should be made to keep that maintained.

"There are difficult decisions to be made and it is right to explore ways of saving"

A report on possible options for funding will go before overview and scrutiny councillors on Tuesday, October 12.

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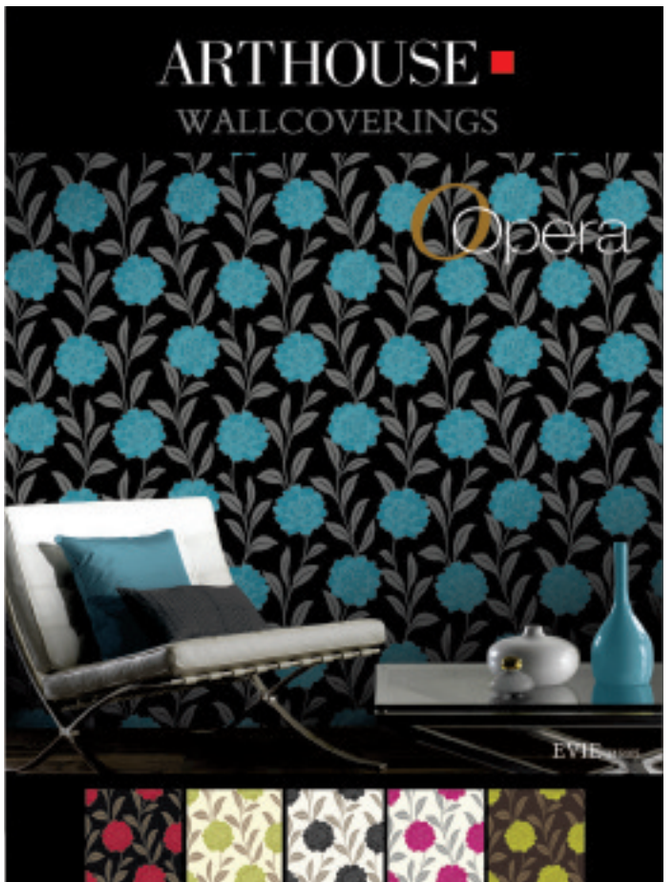

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SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH ME Petite female, 41, blonde, green eyes, own house/car, likes meals in & out, walking, music, seeks happy go luck guy, to enjoy good times with. **Box 101266 t**

LOVE LIFE Recently widowed lady, 44, likes pubs, cinema, animals, seeks friendly, fun loving male, for genuine company and more. Manchester. **Box 101291 t**

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TALL ORDER Nice looking lady, 49, fit/young, 5ft5, I like drinks out, trying new things, forward, confident and easy-going, looking for the same in a tall man. Bolton. **Box 456104 t**

LOVE IS ALL AROUND Attractive female, 50, 5ft6, slim, likes going to the gym, cooking, walks, meals out, wltm a caring and loving man to look/be looked after by. Bolton **Box 466898 t**

LET'S GET SOCIAL Separated female, 50, 5'8'', large build, likes classical music, cooking, walking & swimming, seeks large built guy, for friendship & company. Manchester. **Box 102245**

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THE BEST THINGS Attractive, fun-loving lady, 52, smoker, own home/car, dog owner, seeking a similar gent, 50-60, to share life. Blackburn. **Box 101086 t**

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WALK WITH ME 52yr old lady, blonde hair/blue eyes. 5ft2, slim/medium build. I live in Blackburn and enjoy meals out, cinema, holidays, swimming etc. **Box 468371 t**

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FROM ONE TO ANOTHER Separated, loyal female, 61, 5'5'', dark blonde, brown eyes, care worker, enjoys meals out, theatre, travel, seeks intelligent gent, for LTR. Bolton. **Box 100561**

GOOD COMPANY Lady, age 61, seeks man 60ish, good sense of humour likes going on holidays and lots of fun. Bolton. **Box 850328**

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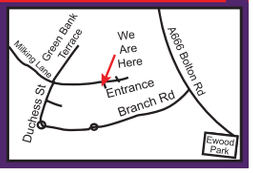

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Citizen Time

'Proof of pudding is in the eating!'

Actor and comedian Alan Davies stars in new sitcom Whites on BBC2 at 9pm on Tuesdays. The show follows the trials and tribulations of head chef Roland White (Alan Davies) and his long-suffering sous chef Bib (Darren Boyd) at a country house hotel.

SO, WHAT'S WHITES ALL ABOUT?

Roland had a lot of talent in his 20s and could have been a Gordon Ramsay, but it didn't happen for him. Now he works in a good restaurant, but he's no longer at the cutting edge. He's in his 40s, has lost his motivation, and his wife has left him. It's all cheerful stuff!

WHAT SORT OF STYLE IS IT, OLD OR NEW?

It's not your traditional sitcom. There's no laughter-track. Without being like anything else, in the style of shooting, it's very loose and authentic – in the best traditions of The Office, The Thick Of It and Curb Your Enthusiasm. It's taken a long time to come to the screen, but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating.

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ROMEO AND JULIET — Burnley Mechanics, Wednesday, October 6.

THE CARETAKER — Charter Theatre, Preston, Thursday, October 7 to Saturday, October 9.

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MICHAEL BUBLE — MEN Arena, Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7.

STEVE MILLER BAND — Manchester Apollo, Friday, October 8.

GENICORUM — Bury Met, Friday, October 8.

MANIC STREET PREACHERS — With British Sea Power, King George's Hall, Blackburn, Saturday, October 9.

MIKE PETERS — Bury Met, Saturday, October 9.

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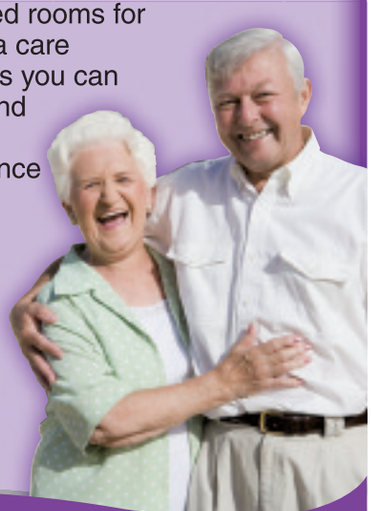

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Night of classic soul

Following the fantastic response to last year's 10-year reunion concert, Soul Deep return to Burnley Mechanics this Saturday to roll back the years to the classic soul era.

During the nineties, the East Lancashire band earned a huge reputation as the north's number one soul band, performing on bills with artists such as Heatwave, Geno Washington, and Ike Turner.

Among their fans was snooker legend Steve Davis, who caught their shows when he was competing at Preston's Guild Hall.

Soul Deep's saxophone player Dave Haynes said: "It's a privilege to help keep alive such a fine body of work, songs that have brought so much enjoyment to so many over the years, songs that have stood the test of time.

"We try to remain true to the original versions, while putting our individual mark on them.

"For this concert we have reworked, with a soul arrangement, a couple of modern songs, one of them Mercy by Duffy," added Dave, who lives in Burnley, and works in Blackburn.

The nine-piece soulsters, fronted by vocalist Geno and Deepettes Michelle and Lisa, will perform an evening of Stax and Motown classics at The Mechanics on Saturday, October 9.

The band will be on stage from 8.30pm, with a soul disco kicking off the evening at 7.30pm.

● Tickets are available from the box office by calling 01282 664400.

SOUL DEEP: The nine-piece East lancashire band are returning to The Mechanics

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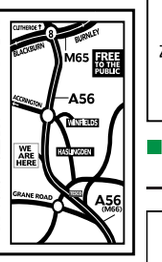

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